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NOTE FOR: DDI

Bob,

You will note that the attached proposal by Carol Baumann was made some time ago. It was unanimously agreed by my Working Group to hold off until the Capabilities '85 exercise findings had received endorsement by the White House and there was some real prospect of getting additional resources to do the job.

If you agree that we now appear to be in that position, I suggest that we proceed. Specifically, with the help of DDI people [redacted] we would put together a proposed agenda and list of attendees for a session [redacted] that would address the general issue of how the Community should posture itself for an "NIS-like" effort.

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It seems to me that this presents a significant opportunity to demonstrate the ability of the Community to cooperatively cope with a common problem. There is no point, on the other hand, in churning things up if the resource prospects are dimmer than I perceive. Please let me know how you would like me to proceed.

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Attachment

State Dept. review completed.

Worth pursuing
discuss with

DDI - your advice
on whether to pursue - please

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman
Interagency Working Group on
Intelligence Production

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FROM:

INR/AR - Carol Edler Baumann CEB

SUBJECT:

"Third World Data/Analytic Base" Symposium

Per our conversation on this, I submit the following proposal for consideration by the Interagency Working Group on Intelligence Production. I believe the IWGIP is both representative enough to include the views of major producers, and yet small enough as not to become unwieldy. My own view is that we should be able to put together the framework for a symposium like that envisioned and select the participants sometime in September and then actually convene the symposium in late October.

Proposal for an IC Symposiumon a"Third World Data and Analytic Base"

Background: The Working Group on "Intelligence Capabilities for 1985-90" identified as one of the challenges which will face the US in the 1985-90 time frame the requirement for a worldwide "intelligence foundation" (comprehensive data/analytic base) which will provide US policymakers with "initial current intelligence and accurate estimates on the political, economic, societal, geographic, scientific and technological, and military characteristics and capabilities" of countries in geographic areas not normally of major interest to the US. Although the Working Group specified that the intelligence base should be of sufficient scope and depth that additional intelligence resources could be added and integrated rapidly and effectively in crisis situations, the actual nature and form of that base was not defined.

Purpose of Symposium: The purpose of a symposium on a "Third World Data and Analytic Base" would be to convene a small Intelligence Community-wide seminar of about 15-20 knowledgeable and experienced intelligence managers to discuss the nature and form which such an intelligence foundation could and should take. The symposium members would address themselves to a wide range of options (modified NIS, in-depth political-dynamics studies, computerized data banks, etc.) and the pros and cons of each. Their deliberations would be summarized in a series of alternative recommendations - or combinations thereof - which would be presented to Admiral Inman and the NFIB principals for their decision and possible implementation.

Proposal: That the Interagency Working Group on Intelligence Production assume the tasks of: determining the issues to be addressed at the symposium, structuring the format for the 1 - 1 1/2 day session, selecting the participants, and summarizing the alternative recommendations. The IWGIP could call upon the IC staff to assist it in these tasks.

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